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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

We verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors or discoverers of the subject matter entitled GEL COMPOSITION described and claimed in the specification of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/419,571, filed October 18, 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We do not know and do not believe that such subject matter was ever known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application;

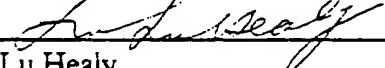
No application for patent or inventor's certificate on such subject matter has been filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, unless one is indicated below: None.

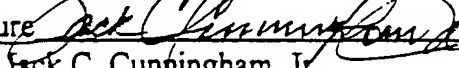
We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/106,094, filed October 29, 1998.

All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO US TO BE MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY AS DEFINED IN 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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